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AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJECT: ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT SEMINAR

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPS JAN 3. CHAMBER REPS ARGUED IN FAVOR OF USING SOKOL'NIKI FACILITY FOR SEMINAR PRESENTATION, POINTING OUT THAT MORE SUITABLE SITE PROBABLY NOT AVAILABLE ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE. EMBOFF NOTED THAT SOKO'NIKI SITE RELATIVELY FAR FROM CENTER OF TOWN, BUT CHAMBER REPS POINTED OUT THAT SITE COULD BE REACHED EASILY BY BOTH CAR AND METRO. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, CHAMBER REPS SAID LUNCH FOR MBMERS OF SEMINAR TEAM COULD BE ARRANGED IN SAME BUILDING. (COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SOKOL'NIKI SITE ADEQUATE, PARTICULARLY WHEN VIEWED AGAINST BACKGROUND OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN MOSCOW. END COMMENT) AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, SOKOL'NIKI FACILITY WILL COST RUBLES 60 (US\$80 AT CURRENT RATE OF EXCHANGE) PER HOUR. ADJOINING ROOM (APPROXIMATELY 150 SQUARE METERS), WHICH WILL BE NEEDED FOR INORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND FOR USE AS WAITING AREA, WILL COST APPROXIMATELY RUBLES 75 PER DAY. ALTHOUGH THIS SOMEWHAT IN EXCESS OF US\$500 CURRENTLY BUDGETED, EMBASSY BELIEVES CHARGES REASONABLE BY MOSCOW STANDARDS.

2. CHAMBER REPS ARGUED AGAINST HOLDING RECEPTION EVENING

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OF FEB 22, POINTING OUT THAT SOVIETS GENRALLY NOT

ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ATTENDING OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS ON FRIDAY EVENINGS (WHICH EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM) AND THAT TIME PRESSURES WOULD INEVITABLY ARISE, INTERFERING WITH SEMINAR PROGRAM. THEY SUGGESTED THAT MONDAY EVENING, FEB 25 WOULD BE PREFERABLE TIME FOR RECEPTION. EMBASSY AGREES. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. IN VIEW CHAMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY SEND OUT INVITATIONS TO SOVIET SPECIALISTS, CHAMBER REPS ASKED WHERE, AND BY WHOM, INVITATIONS WOULD BE PREPARED. (COMMENT: CAN INVITATION CARDS (UP TO 300) BE PRINTED, IN RUSSIAN, IN VIENNA? EMBASSY COULD SEND EWTC INFORMATION ON FORMAT OF CARDS. END COMMENT)

4. POST BRIEFING CAN BE ARRANGED FEB 21 FOLLOWING GROUP'S ARRIVAL FROM BUDAPEST.SOMMERLATTE

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